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## Signs of Promise.

Encouraging letters are at hand telling of the good work going on over the State in the interest of State Missions. The next two weeks will tell a wonderful story of consecration and effort in behalf of this cause, and with this enlarged grasp of the situation we trust that the work will be in good shape at the Convention.

Madison sends greeting with \$75.00, while the dear old church at Bethel, otherwise known as Black Jack, and where are some of the salt of the earth. Here it was that this scribe had joy in the pastorate for some seven years, and other such men as Walne, and Lomax, and Hackett, and Venable, and Chastain are held in the remembrance of the older people, and where Hickman, the John Peter variety, now breaks the bread of life, and leads by pastures green and waters still; here it was that I had the privilege, counted dear, of worshipping last Lord's day, and they sent me off with \$66.00 for State Missions, and made me the bearer of message and money to pastor for trip to Convention. The places of some of the brethren were vacant whose faces are wont to be seen, and among these brethren Wadlington and Pepper, while the pastor had such a violent attack of his old enemy that he could not be with us.

Down in the old Mississippi Association are Liberty and Ebenezer, and they have stood for years the beacon lights in that section for righteousness. Around them both cluster memories of the faith that will ever make them objects of interest to Mississippi Baptists. From the first named the State Mission collection is \$40.00, while from the other is a check for \$20.00.

Society Hill is one of the Lawrence county churches, and mission-loving Posey is pastor, who leads them to a contribution of \$20.25 for State Missions.

From the Meridian First is a contribution from the women who have used with much profit the program sent out by Mrs. Woods, and the offering is \$40.05, while another offering from the church at the hands of pastor runs the State Mission contribution of this church up to \$211.66 to date.

Greenwood closes up her F. M. work with the figures at \$102.36.

Pastor Barnett writes about the collection at New Bethel in Columbus Association where the good country folks run the mission gamut at a \$75.00 pitch.

Missions has a friend in H. J. V., than whom no man is more regular in the cause, and this time for State Missions the check reads \$29.40.

Oloh is a mission church away down in the piney woods organized last year and

they have a house to build, but they do not let an opportunity slip when missions is the word, for already their figures this year have reached \$50.00

Brethren and sisters, hear the word of our Lord, "What your hands find to do, do with your might." The King's business requires haste. Therefore 'to the work' and victory will be ours.

## Notes.

How true the saying, "Man proposes but God disposes." The tramp had proposed to spend the past two weeks interviewing the saints along the line of the Valley R. R. South of Vicksburg, but, alas! the major part of the time has been spent nursing a lame foot and at the present writing the end is not yet. Enforced idleness, especially when the pot's boiling depends on the going, is not stimulating to one's comfort of mind. Let not the reader think for a moment that the tramp is averse to the luxury of rest at home and the gentle ministrations of loved ones. No one can appreciate more fully than he the watchful care and the tender solicitude of loved ones. But, however delightful the resting upon one's back, still the depleted pocket-book and the empty cruse and the barrel of meal running low, are not the most charming themes for meditation. However, "In some way the Lord will provide."

Martin, Natchez and Hamburg were visited but vain the effort to see the saints. The tramp could not tramp and so had to give up the trip and return home. Bro. S. R. Young, of Martin, made the stay very pleasant, and the bishop of Natchez, Bro. E. F. Lyon, placed ye tramp under obligations in many ways. A snug corner in his cozy home sufficed to make him comfortable, and kindnesses shown by his charming wife will not soon be forgotten. And then the beloved bishop handed him a nugget of gold which helped to cover the deficit. Rev. W. A. McComb was aiding the pastor in a series of meetings, while Bro. Brown, of Texas, with his golden harp was furnishing delightful music for the occasion. A number had united with the church and earnest prayers were being offered up for the success of the meeting.

Bishop Lyon is a capable and consecrated minister, and while the field is a hard one it is confidently expected that he will do a great work in Natchez.

Bro. Lewis is pastor at Hamburg and the brethren think him the man for the place. Deacon Farr, as is his wont, brought ye scribe under many obligations. Horse and buggy and himself as driver enabled ye scribe to see some of the people.

O. M. LUCAS.

## Good Sense.

Here is a proposition worth its weight in heavenly ozone. Pass it around and I think everybody but "a very little few" will say "it is better than a whole ship load of pans:

"It is already settled that the next session of the Southern Baptist Convention will be held in Kansas City. St. Louis has in its invitation for the 1905 meeting of the Anniversaries. It seems to be understood that the invitation will be accepted. We hope it may. If the Anniversaries do come to St. Louis, the time of its meeting not being arbitrarily fixed, the date could be so arranged as to give one or two days between the close of the sessions of the Southern Convention and the opening session of the Anniversaries. A large percent of the messengers and visitors to the Southern Baptist Convention, from east of the Mississippi will come and go through St. Louis. Why would it not be practicable, proper and profitable to hold a joint mass meeting between sessions, at St. Louis? We favor and propose such a meeting."—The Word and Way.

And this has a shrewd suggestion of sense in it also:

"I read on the train the other day a sermon preached before a great convention. When I ran that discourse through my evangelistic refining mill I could not see anything left. It all ran out into what is called tailings in this region of King Jack and Lead. I took a large magnifying glass and by the aid of this found about enough abstract truth to have evangelized an invisible microbe, or the intellectual part of a piece of protoplasm."—Pastor Points in Word and Way.

I seem to have been there too and heard the same sermon. It has occurred to me that the light sent forth from "the Man of Galilee"—"the Word that was made flesh and dwelt among us"—was the "light of life," for "that life was the light of men," the light that reveals "the way, the truth and the life." If that is true then Mohammedanism, Buddhism and even the sordid and besotted system of Mormonism, according to that sermon, must be reckoned to have the light of saving truth—enough for all purposes of salvation!!!

J. A. H.

## Raymond.

Bro. W. F. Yarborough, of First Church, Jackson, came over Sunday night, of June 5th, and preached for us eleven good sermons in which our souls were delighting themselves in fatness and sinners were being convicted and everything favorable for one of the best of meetings, but the preacher had to go off Saturday at noon, June 11th.

Raymond, Miss.

CHAS. L. LEWIS.



## Dedicatory Address.

(By Prof. A. H. Ellett at the Dedication of the Carrie Hearns Hurt Memorial Building, in Blue Mountain, June 1st, 1904.)

Luke 16:19: "The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying what shall I do? Where shall I bestow all my fruits and my goods?"

It's the question of all questions for the mortal life. It is not necessary that the man be rich in the current sense of the word. It is not necessary indeed that his "fruits and goods" be material things. The question applies with equal force to any possession, material or spiritual, great or small, inherent or extraneous, inherited or acquired. Under whatever figure or symbolism we contemplate this present life, still the insistent question is: "Where shall I bestow my goods?"

## HUSBANDMAN.

Is life a husbandman? The lord of many acres? Has there been an abundant yield? The question is, "Where shall I bestow my goods?"

## WARFARE.

Is life a warfare? When the Hellespont is crossed, and the hosts of Darius routed, Egypt conquered, the snow-capped mountains crossed, and the banks of the utmost Indus reached, we may not weep because no foe is left upon the field, but rather weep because there are so many worlds beyond unconquered.

## JOURNEY.

Is life a journey? Between the cradle and the grave we shall not reach the summit of its upward path. But evermore, as the day is done, we shall pitch our tents below and watch with wistful eyes the silent stars as they light their campfires on the mountain tops above us.

Not so much "To what extent shall I acquire?" but infinitely important, "How shall I bestow?" There are two answers. The one is: "My soul shall revel in the sensuous and selfish enjoyment of it?"

"I built my soul a lordly pleasure house  
Wherein at ease for aye to dwell  
I said, 'O soul, make merry and carouse,  
Dear soul, for all is well.'"

"And while the world runs round and round I said,  
'Reign thou apart, a quiet king.  
Still as while Saturn whirls his steadfast shade,  
Sleeps on his luminous rings.'"

"To which my soul made answer readily:  
'Trust me, in bliss I shall abide  
In this great mansion that is built for me  
So royal, rich, and wide.'"

God's comment on the answer is: "Thou fool."

The other answer comes from hearts that are right, but often the judgments are not always the same. The father, living or dead, bestows his goods upon his son, and the son makes shipwreck by reason of it. 'Twas when the father "divided unto him his living" that the Prodigal "took his journey to a far country and there wasted his substance with riotous living." Another father had served the years of a laborious life, amassed a fortune, and dying bequeathed it to his only son. A son who from his youth up had kept all the com-

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mandments. He ran to the Master, and kneeling, asked, "Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may inherit eternal life?" and when he heard the answer he went away sorrowful. His father's love had heaped a bar of gold between his son and Heaven.

"To the memory of an undying love" the Taj Mahal was reared—the most graceful and the most impressive of the sepulchers of the world. It stands today, a poem in marble, written by the life work of 20,000 men, laboring for 22 successive years. And yet, 'tis nothing more than a marble queen of sorrow—a beautiful, silent witness above the dust of the dead. England loved the name of Nelson and thought to build in Trafalgar Square a monument from whose summit the gleam of his glory would stream forever. 'Tis nothing better than a dyke against which the billows of oblivion dash, and under whose relentless waves it shall disappear. How shall I bestow my goods? The answer of a father's love proved fatal to his son. The answer of a sovereign's love for his lost Moom-ta-za is but the silent form of a marvellous mausoleum, mute and helpless as the lips of her above, whose dust they stand. The answer of a mighty nation's love, is a towering shaft in the shadow of which the children of that nation helplessly die, and against whose lordly head the decree of Death has already passed.

## REASONS. I.

These walls are here as answer to the question "Where shall I bestow my goods?" Your hearts and your judgment all approve the wisdom of the answer. And wherefore wise? In the first place because it is an investment in the Eternal.

'Twas given to two travelers to pass through an unknown, barren land. Each willed to be a blessing to the land. It was granted each to carry what he would and leave it there for the peoples who would follow, in the years to come. One carried a burden of jewels and gold. He sowed the mountain rifts with nuggets of gold, gladdened the streams with the flashing smile of myriad gems. The other carried a single seed in which was life and planted it beside the flowing stream. And the years passed by. The answer of these walls—wherefore wise? Because it is an investment in that which shall not die, in memory of her who is not dead. The hand of death has stopped the beating of her heart. By the utmost reach of his power he cannot quench the flame of love and sacred memory in the hearts of us who linger here.

"And so, dear heart, remembering thee  
Am I not richer than of old?  
Safe in thy immortality,  
What chance can mar the pearl and gold  
Thy love hath left in trust with me?  
'And when the sunset gates unbar  
Shall we not see her waiting stand,  
And, white against the evening star,  
The welcome of her beckoning hand?"

With fatal hand Death has blanched the beauty of her cheek, and extinguished the kindly beam of her eye; with his utmost power he cannot dim the beauty of her life, or whelm in darkness the radiance of its

immortal gleam. He can loose the bands of these strong foundations here, and crush these comely walls back into elemental dust. He cannot lay his ruthless hand upon the immortal souls that shall tent here for a while, nor stay the spread of the deathless influence that shall flow from them forever.

The thoughtful man will pause in the midst of his labor for material things and put this question to his soul: "Wherefore should I strive?" Do not these bawbles rightfully belong to Death and will he not take them in the end? The wise man knows the gate toward which he journeys is all too narrow to admit the material accumulations of life. He knows that gold is dust, and so by law belongs to Death. Shall, therefore, his heart grow faint, or the strength of his purpose fail? Again these walls make answer: "Lifeless gold invested in development of life, itself becomes a vital power and shall not die." And so today, upon the very frontier land of Death himself, and in defiance of his darkest threat, we dedicate this memorial to Life.

Again wise, because the interest on the investment shall be paid forever in the legal tender of the omnipotent influence of woman. And that will be her task. She'll do a three-fold work: 1st. She'll give direction to the forces at work in society. 2nd. She'll point man to the right ideal. 3rd. She'll conserve the results of the progress made.

Do you see yon three frail ships, pushing their way resolutely to the West? Why have they not come before? Not for the lack of winds or waves; not for the lack of ships or sails; not for the lack of men or masts. But for the lack of a directing hand. For the centuries they have crept fearfully along the coast and dared not tempt the ominous sea. They looked with longing eyes to the sunset but dared not go. And then, one day, a slender finger beckoned to a bold man's heart, and heedless of the danger he turned his prow to the setting sun, and stepped out on the western sands, and threw wide open the long closed gates of the continent and pointed mankind to the shining way up which the peoples of this world shall march to freedom and to God.

The direction is the important thing. At Essen, in Prussia, 10,000 men are daily employed in building guns that will hurl a 1000 pound projectile a distance of 15 miles. One discharge costing more than twice the sum that Henry the Seventh paid for America. But all the labor of making these, all the force expended in placing them in line of battle, will be worse than wasted unless the proper direction is given them when the fight begins. But train them in the right direction, and then shall they shatter the citadels of oppression, and batter to the ground the prison walls of despotism, and shout from their smoking throats the proclamation of freedom to the world.

Society is an evolving organism. The material of it and the forces at work in it have always been:

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"All that is at all  
Lasts ever past recall:  
Earth changes, but thy soul and God stand sure  
What entered into thee  
That was, is, and shall be.  
Time's wheel runs back or stops,  
Potter and clay endure."

The state of society at any time may be known by knowing the direction of the forces working in it at any time. Force undirected, chaos. Force under wise direction, cosmos. The mission of the educated young woman going out from this home? This is it. To dictate the direction. There are in Mississippi today 300,000 men. The forces of these 300,000 lives are acting in some direction. I hazard the assertion that there are not three out of these 300,000 whose life-current is not directed by women. And if there are three, God pity the three. Man is executive. Woman is directive. The evolution of society will be along the lines laid down by its women. The direction of the forces, good or bad, the conduct, the destiny of society is in the hands of its women.

But, secondly, the Ideal. The nature and form of any product depends upon the ideal—the pattern in the soul of the producer. The child sees a dim ideal, and builds with blocks his little house. The Savage sees a rude ideal, and crudely traces the unlovely lines upon the rocks. The Barbarian in his dreams hears the indistinct tones of a far-away melody, and seeks to reproduce it on his gong. Roebing sees a vision and Brooklyn bridge has annihilated East river. The graceful pillars of the Parthenon stood complete in their beauty in the soul of Phidias before a stone was laid upon the Acropolis. The majestic tones of the "Messiah" had marched in rhythmic ranks through the soul of Handel before a page of paper was marked by a single note.

The great thing is to see the ideal. The ordinary workman can saw out the lines that have already been marked by the master architect. An ordinary workman can lay a stone in the place appointed. An ordinary artist can touch with color the lines traced out by the master. An ordinary musician can touch the notes which Genius has jotted down.

The nature, the welfare, the destiny of society, depend upon the nature of the ideal and the clearness with which this ideal is discerned. What is the educated woman's work in the world? This is it. To point man's eyes to the ideal. This ideal may be more or less imperfectly worked out, but the product will be after the type of the ideal. Let me hear the influential young woman from any community give her ideal, and I will tell you the status of society in the community. The only reason that the morals of any community are no better than they are, is that the young women of the community do not care for them to be. The only reason that the culture of any community is not higher than it is, is that the young women of that community do not care for it to be. There is no time here to show by history the truth of this assertion. It would be interesting indeed to note how the women

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of the ancient Germans went with them upon their great invasions, and were the oracles to which the warrior appealed for guidance. To note the fact that the great social and political revolutions in Rome, looking to the betterment of society, owed their origin to women. To hear Gibbon testify that the Goths owed their first idea that the Goths owed their first idea of Christianity to a young girl, a prisoner in their camp. To hear him tell how the fiery Frank was won to Christ by the fair Clotilda. But there is not time for this. I merely pause to reiterate the statement: Any society is, has been, and will be what the women of that society wish it to be.

But, again, Conservation. It matters little how lofty the ideal, how potent the energy to attain it, if there be not a conserving factor to make permanent the results attained. It is man's to produce; woman's to conserve. Man may sweep the floors of the ocean for its pearls and rob the vaults of the mountains for their silver and gold. It will be labor lost unless there be a woman to welcome him home and to conserve the treasures won. True for the mental world, true for the spiritual.

Moses may lead the people through the sea; Miriam must sing the glory of the triumph; Abraham, the wise father, and Isaac, the worthy son, may collect the material for the making of a nation, but a woman must preserve to Jacob the mastery of this material and thereby make possible the kingdom of David, and the splendor of Solomon, and the coming of Christ. But for Rebecca, Jacob would not have prevailed with the Angel, Bethel would not have been built, and the very name of Israel would not have reached the ears of men. Saul of Tarsus to flash back upon the imperishable sky of the human intellect the light which before had struck him blind; Mary Magdalene to fill the atmosphere of the endless years with the odor of the offering of love.

With her tears she can moisten the Master's feet  
And can fill all the years with the odors sweet  
Of the spikenard broke to anoint his head  
And can treasure the truth that the Master said:  
'She has done what she could.' Ah, the sceptic might  
Give the life that he lives if the Lord would write  
Such a record of him when he's dead.

What is the educated Christian young woman's work in the world? This is it: To conserve the result of progress made. Society has come to the place of its present encampment through the stress of two great struggles: 1st. The struggle for life. Man is the exponent of this cause. Destruction is its battle cry. 2nd. The struggle for the life of others. Conservatism, instead of destruction, is the watchword. Self-sacrifice is the condition of enlistment. Conservatism (which is salvation) is the mission of Christianity in society. The incarnation of its spirit is the Christian woman. The genesis of it was in the incarnation of the God-man, born of woman, and since the ascension of the resurrected Christ, it has found its incarnation in woman herself.

"Earth's insufficiency  
Here grows to event,

The indescribable,  
Here it is done;  
The woman-soul leadeeth us  
Upward and on."

To educate and Christianize a man—and he is not educated until he is Christianized—is to form an individual; to educate and Christianize a woman is to form future generations. Whatever is true of the influence of woman at all, is true in the superlative degree of the educated, Christian, young woman. Woman is gold; the educated Christian young woman is very fine gold.

If society is moving in the wrong direction, it is because the educated, Christian young woman wills it so. If the ideal of society is low, 'tis because the educated, Christian young woman wills it so. If the gains of the past are lost and the voice of Truth can say, "There were better days," 'tis because the educated, Christian young woman wills it so. On the other hand, when God looks down to see the unnumbered host of human society marching up out of the shadows in the light, He'll bid the recording angel write: "The educated, Christian young woman willed it so." Finally, the answer of these walls is wise, because from this home shall go home-builders, and in the home, at last, is lodged the perpetuity of the republic and the welfare of the world.

On the tomb of the nations of the world that are dead is written just one line: "The people had no home." All these nations strove for greatness and for immortality. Babylon sought it in her solid masonry of brick and stone. Babylon is fallen. Greece, in the subtle web of her science and philosophy. And Greece is the wonderland of the long ago. Egypt, in the prestige of her priests and the marvellous bounty of her mysterious river. But the Egypt of old, in her robes of enchantment, lies sleeping while the Nile runs down to the sea. If the perpetuity of a people could be lodged in the might of the sword, Rome would not have died. Caesar's image and super-scription would stamp the coin that buys our Bible. We should have the Twelve Tables today instead of the Constitution. For the Church would stand the Coliseum, and working or warring, waking or sleeping, living or dead, we still should find ourselves 'neath the far-reaching wing of Rome's imperial eagle. In this day of money worship it is well to ask, Is the welfare of a people in the boasted omnipotence of wealth? If so, why bow we not before the gorgeous throne of "Ormuz or of Ina?" Why does not Spain, as of old, wave her golden scepter over a world-wide prosperous realm? Nay, why does not the ancient Inca of Peru still walk amid the glories of his royal gardens where even the lily and the rose were of silver and gold? The perpetuity of a people is not in the almighty dollar.

## HOME, THE SUMMUM BONUM.

Are all the achievements of the past then in vain, and all her accumulations worthless? Not so. But in so far as the fruitage of these things failed to be a happy home, just in so far they failed. Let us hold to



the Truth of the past. Let us have Egypt's pyramids, but not the oppression that built them. Let us have Athen's art, but not the envy that slew it. Babylon's wall, without her wickedness. Sparta's courage, but not the selfishness that cursed it. Rome's indomitable energy, but not the lawless ambition and avarice that unnerved it. Israel's piety, but not the selfrighteousness that doomed it. The truth of the past? Yes—

"All the old virtues, whatsoever things  
Are pure and honest, and of good repute;  
And add thereto whatever hath sung  
Or seen had told of when in trance and dream  
They saw the Happy Isles of Prophecy."

But unless the consummation of it all is a happy home, they will dissolve as the fabric of a dream and leave no wreck behind. The genius of the inventor, the craft of the statesman, the profound search of the philosopher, the vision of the poet, the prescience of the prophet; aye, the tramp of the soldiers, and the death groan of the patriot, and the dying ecstasy of the martyr, all these are vain, unless from out the action and reaction of it all there come the gold of a happy home.

It matters little whether our schools send out a warrior, a priest, or a prophet; but you let them send out a man who will build and have a happy home and in so far as the citadel of freedom is in his keeping it is safe.

Let the young lady go forth to win what high renown she may in life's uncertain field; let her electrify the world with the flash of her intelligence; let her melt the world to tears with the pathos of her eloquence; let her walk around the world in 72 days (as did Nellye Bly) if she can; let her run for President if she will—I raise no protest here,—but you let her become the reigning queen of a happy home, and in so far as the welfare of the Republic rests in her, I'll stake my life for its security. Broom instead of bayonet; cock crow instead of reveille; infant's prattle instead of listening senate's loud acclaim,

"And the cares that infest the day  
Will fold their tents like the Arabs  
And as silently steal away."

Better than fame, and better than gold, and better than conquest, and better than all things else for which humanity lives or dies, is the sanctity and the solace of a happy home.

Young man are you following the dim shadow of an undefined hope, craving to be irresponsible, bound to no one, by no one, a free lance in the lists of the world, seeing in his dreams of the indistinct future, the monuments of everlasting glory erected to your name. You are striving for the apples of Sodom which will turn to ashes on the lip; you are following a phantasma more fraught with disappointment than the alluring mirage of the desert. I counsel you, set before you the vision of a happy home—God's pillar of cloud to guide us by day, His pillar of fire to lead us by night.

Young ladies, is it the indistinct idea of indefinite conquest or the well-defined concept of a well ordered home? Has it seem-

ed to you that the confines of home are too narrow, you choose rather freedom, freedom in the wide, wide world? You are choosing the veriest slavery. Home too commonplace? You choose rather to live under the glittering scepter of Fashion and Society? Choose rather the peaceful reign of home and so escape the hardest tyranny. Home to humble? The heartwung testimony of him who had no home:

"Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home,  
A charm from the sky seems to hallow us there  
Which search through this world is not met elsewhere."

And the time is now. In the South today. Not even the power of God Himself will be effective unless you lodge it in the tabernacle of a happy home.

When the ship is becalmed in a sleeping bay it matters little as to her lading or equipment. But when she sails out into the open seas, when the winds blow fresh in the joy of their strength, and the waves leap free as a thing unchained—

Boisterous and bold  
"As strong as youth,  
And as uncontrolled,"

Then it is that the stoutest bark needs to be ballasted for the perilous ride. Then it is that she needs a directing hand, and then it is that the vision of her master must be clear; then it is that her mighty powers must be conserved.

In the South today, as never before in the memory of those who live, the favoring gales are blowing. The sunlight of promise is glinting the gladdened waves. The anchor has been weighed and the low coast-line of former things is growing dim on the distant horizon behind us. And before—the unsailed sea of hope.

God forbid that I should darken by the shadow of a single sombre word the glory of the vision. The dawn of that we dream, I believe, shall be swallowed up in the noonday light of that which we see. And, yet, the voice of God, speaking to my inmost heart has said, the soul of man upon this "bank and shoal of time" shall find no pearl above the price of a happy home.

The answer of these walls is wise.

A great thinker of the nineteenth century speaking of Tennyson's "In Memoriam", said: "The poem was not produced by Alfred Tennyson alone. Two gifted young men went to the production of it—one who died to be its subject, the other who lived to compose it. He who died must have been a man of extraordinary powers and promise in order to make so profound an impression and turn all the poet's deepest thoughts and feelings into pathetic memory of him.

So shall it be here. For, after all, this graceful cottage is not the real memorial to the beautiful life we knew. This is not the poem "In Memoriam" of her. The lives of the educated young women who go out from these walls, stronger physically, stronger in intellect, dauntless in spirit—these, having drunk into their souls the inspiring atmosphere of love for humanity; these, having heard in dreams the divine symphony of a life of service; these, having had their lips touched with a live coal from

off the altar of sacrifice; these, having caught with humble vision the glory of the highest good; these, by their lives of service, will write an immortal "In Memoriam" to the life of her we loved.

#### Bro. Searcy on Evangelism and Some Other Things.

It has never been my purpose to seek a fight. If I should, at any time, find myself so disposed, I am sure I would never attack Bro. Searcy. It is needless for me to state why. No man among us carries a better balanced brain, and no man's heart beats more in the right place. It is a blessing to bask in the warm rays of light that beam forth continuously from his great sunny soul. However, Bro. Searcy's article on "Evangelism" did not produce the effect on me that his articles usually produce. I will not venture to say why this is so.

Whether Bro. S. poured acid into his ink or what he wrote only stirred up the acid already in my soul, may be an unsettled question even with me. Be that as it may, I must say that Bro. S. went too far. The acid has spread all over my soul, and the only relief is at the point of my pen. Now Bro. Searcy, you see what you have done. For I must write and the brethren will have to endure it. In fact, I feel like breaking something—even if it is nothing but a long silence.

Bro. S. says: "So much stress is put upon mere numbers of professions that one of our prominent ministers at the recent Convention at Nashville presented a resolution to that body providing for an Evangelistic Committee or Board." If merely looking to a largely increased number of conversions were to be the real object of that Board, I confess that I was wholly in the dark. Bro. Broughton, the author, failed to explain it thus to me.

I cannot believe that Bro. Broughton was actuated by the low, contemptible incentive of merely wanting to count noses in our churches. Neither did I understand this to be the purpose of the proposed Board. No man, in all that Convention, impressed me as being more under the guidance of the Holy Spirit than did Bro. L. G. Broughton, of Atlanta. Judging from the waves of hearty approval that swept over that great audience, I felt that I was not the only one so impressed. If I understood the purpose of the resolution it was to arouse all of our churches more to a sense of their mission of winning souls to Christ, and that God wants each member of the church to be a soul-winning factor under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and for us to abound in this grace. Bro. S. seems to think that Bro. Broughton's address places the pastors in a bad light, "cold and stiff and formal." If this cold, stiff formalism is not growing in our churches, there are many of us along with Bro. B. whose eyesight is failing. Who is to be blamed most for allowing this paralyzing curse to take possession of churches and of church worship? I am of the opinion that the old proverb, "Like priest, like people," still has some meaning.

I say Bro. Broughton instead of Dr. Broughton so that no one may get the idea of using the title—D. D. In fact I do not know that he wears such a title, and I am glad I don't know it. For I never expect to wear the D. D., even if I should die for the want of it. But why not? If the distinction of D. D. makes the Lord's ambassador more proficient or even serves as a drawing card to draw men to hear the gospel, why not let us all have it? But those who get it are generally the very ones who don't need it? So let the brethren of the ministry who have less (?) title, be content with what we have, and let us, with the Lord's help, so act as not to need what we never can receive.

When I am forced to listen to an endless solo in an unknown tongue, a feeling comes over me similar to that expressed in a poem found in a church which had an operatic choir and advanced preacher:

"Could old King David but for once  
To this good church repair,  
And hear his Psalms thus warbled forth,  
I almost think he'd swear.

"And could St. Paul but just step in  
From higher scenes abstracted,  
And hear his gospel thus explained,  
I fear he'd go distracted."

Bro. S. asks, "Has the old story lost its power?" and assures us that he believes the gospel is the power of God unto salvation. So far so good. But are we to infer from these expressions that Bro. Broughton has lost faith in the power of the old, old story to save? Brethren, let us be more considerate. I don't agree with Bro. Broughton, or any other brother, in every feature of church life, yet I regard his charge of doing nothing as true in a large measure. Bro. Searcy, I was beginning to repent. Please let the good work go on. The acid still wants to flow. What a terrible case of "sour grapes" has broken out on me. But I must sweeten up before the convention.

Let us pray that every soul who loves Jesus may be a soul-winning power in the hands of the Holy Spirit. For I have never found where a soul has ever been brought to a saving knowledge of the truth without the instrumentality of some child of God.

W. K. RED.

Hattiesburg, Miss.

#### The Baptist Cause in Yazoo City.

Perhaps the readers of THE BAPTIST noticed in last week's paper that the little church at Anding had given \$200 for the rebuilding of the Baptist church and parsonage at Yazoo City. It is very easy to understand why this church should come up so nobly in this matter. Anding and Yazoo City are only 15 miles apart, and the people of Anding know something of the heroic efforts and great sacrifices Bro. Derrick and his people have made. In this age of ease-loving church members, and when the sacred office of pastor has, in some places, degenerated into a cold, dignified profession, you seldom see such wonderful manifestations of the spirit of the

self-sacrificing Christ as has been demonstrated by Bro. Derrick and his little flock.

When Derrick became pastor of this church, the Baptist cause at Yazoo City was very weak. But this noble man of God, seeming to be entirely self forgetful, worked with dauntless courage in the very face of what seemed to be insurmountable difficulties, and the Baptist hosts of Mississippi, as they gathered last July in that beautiful new house of worship, and as they enjoyed the hospitality, not only of Baptists but of other denominations, could not help being forcibly struck with the fact that a great work had been accomplished. I think, if I ever saw a man whose heart was in his work, it was W. J. Derrick. I shall never forget the first time I was in the new church. I met him at a late hour on Saturday night at the court house, and we had been together but a few minutes when he suggested that we visit the church. As he carried me through the beautiful edifice, I was deeply impressed with his unflinching devotion and the great joy of his heart over the many tokens of God's favor. On last Monday morning I visited the city again. It was far different from my first visit. I had expected nothing else but to find great destruction, but the ruin wrought by the mad flames was far worse than I had expected. To see a once beautiful city with millions of wealth lying prostrate in ashes, is indeed an awful sight. I met Bro. Derrick near the court house again, but I tell you it is enough to make anyone weep, who loves the cause that he has been so nobly representing in this city, to see such clear demonstrations of the awful burden on his heart. But beneath it all you see evidences of that calmness and serenity of soul that come as a result of strong faith in God. The people are not discouraged. They are working night and day cleaning away the rubbish, and it isn't going to be long before a more beautiful and substantial city than before will rise out of the ashes and ruins. Just the day before I was there the little crowd of Baptists, many of them homeless and with their places of business burned, met together and gave about \$85 to State Missions.

Now, I am exceedingly anxious to see the Baptists of Mississippi come to the assistance of this servant of God and by a united pull, put this pastor and these noble people in a better house, and Bro. Derrick's family in a better home than they have ever had. Brother pastor, when you meet your prosperous and happy people in your beautiful and commodious house of worship, will you not let your heart go out in deepest sympathy for a pastor and congregation who have worked and sacrificed and prayed, but who are now without any place in which to worship, and then prove this sympathy by earnestly laying the matter before your people and seeing to it that an offering is made to rebuild the church and pastor's home in Yazoo City? Good subscriptions payable by the first of November will do just about as well as the money.

Respectfully,  
C. E. WELCH.

Clinton, Miss.

We have just closed a two week's meeting here. Bro. McComb, of Gloster, did the preaching, and Bro. Brown, of Waco, Texas, led the singing. Bro. Brown is a sweet spirited Christian, and is the pastor's true friend. In his special line of solo singing he is unsurpassed. Sister Brown, called by her husband his better seventh, is a modest, beautiful, and most delightful lady in every way. We have never yet learned how Brown fooled her.

The preaching was of the highest order. Bro. McComb is without doubt one of the safest and strongest preachers of our acquaintance, and we know many of the very best. It has never been my pleasure to work with a more congenial spirit, nor a more untiring worker. I can say, too, that he is a man of God, trustful of the Father as ever was any childish heart. We were made better by his stay with us.

The results of the meeting were good, considering everything. I have never been in a meeting before where there was so much opposition. (The devil came in all of his fury, and belched upon us the very fires of hell.) But the Lord was gracious and made His presence known amidst it all. There were twenty added to the church and quite a number of others who became interested, some of whom will come in later. The membership was revived in many ways, and many of us have reason to thank God and take courage.

E. F. LYON.

Natchez, Miss.

#### Tupelo.

Our meeting closed here last night, June 16th. Bro. G. H. Crutcher, pastor at Dyersburg, Tenn., was with us and the preaching was done by him for 10 days. He gave us strong sermons and we feel greatly benefited. There were about 15 professions. Eleven joined for baptism and were baptized last night. Eight came into our fellowship by letter. Our church is strengthened and is more ready for the Master's work.

R. A. KIMBROUGH, Pastor.

#### Ordination.

In compliance with the request of the church a presbytery, consisting of Revs. T. G. Ward and J. G. Gilmore and Deacons D. W. Denson and I. B. Lawrence, met with Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Rankin County Association, to publicly set apart Brethren Davis and Martin to serve them in the capacity of deacons. The sermon was preached by Bro. Ward from John 10, and was indeed well delivered and generally accepted. The ordination prayer was offered by the writer. After which we made our offering for State Missions, contributing \$7.00, with more to follow.

Everything considered it was a pleasant and profitable day, for which we give God the glory, and take new courage.

Their Pastor,

J. G. GILMORE.



## Our Duty to Suffering Humanity.

MRS. A. M. ROBINSON.

An important part of our Christian education is the visiting and relieving of the sick and the giving of other necessary aid, the need of which accompanies and oftentimes follows a spell of sickness, especially where the poor are concerned.

We remember how the good Samaritan, after binding up the wounds of the man who fell among thieves, set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence and gave them to the host, and said unto him: "Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay you."

There is a disposition to "pass by on the other side," and the good Samaritan's credit, was greater for the reason that he helped the unfortunate who was left unnoticed by the priest, who perhaps cared for the praise of men, and sought a more showy field; and by the Levite, who, probably, would have aided, had a multitude been present.

In like manner, the whole burden often rests with a single individual, and it is a noble nature that takes up the duty at hand, and while performing it with patience, struggles on without the faintest spirit of rebellion. Ofttimes the world looks on and understands not, and the tired burden-bearer, were it not for the fact that he leans on Christ Jesus, would become crushed beneath his load of responsibility. Having this divine support, one is often helped by human instrumentality in the person of some good Christian who is sincerely on the lookout for opportunities.

These come as blessings in disguise to the watchful Christian, and with each response on his part, is a new added star to his diadem. Many of us, however, are inclined to be neglectful in worthy but unpopular causes, following with the throng of unthinking, but not heartless. Shall we not think, then, since thought leads to action? And shall we not think right, since good thoughts have their origin above?

The brave soul, who—knowing no leader but right—attends with untiring effort the wants of some poor human who can never repay him, leading, if need be, a solitary existence, a life nearly devoid of worldly pleasures, has, in his thinking and acting, the glorious consciousness of duty performed, which only crowns the efforts of the faithful. "The world forgetting, by the world forgot," he is possessed of a soul-peace beyond the comprehension of the ordinary mortal, even the every-day Christian fails to fully understand its import. He talks with God as with his friend. Real prayer need confine itself to no certain time or place, and this human benefactor, perhaps never to be appreciated on earth, knows that his tearful utterances reach the Throne of Grace, and that only a "narrow sea" separates him from his reward! What cares he for the plaud-

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its of the majority or the praises of titled ranks, so long as he has the assurance that his living is not in vain, and that eternal peace awaits him, as sure as there is—and this he knows—a Judge of judges and a King of kings.

Such responsibilities do not fall upon us all, but if they should cross our path, it is ours to suffer and do and not to shirk.

He who said: "I was sick and ye visited me," taught the importance of attending the sick and the awful punishment in store for those who fail in this duty.

Gloster, Miss., May 30, 1904.

## The Lost Motion.

BY REV. E. E. LAMB, IN HERALD.

The Hustlersville Baptist Church was convened in a called meeting. Only a few knew the object of the meeting until Deacon Smithers arose and called the meeting to order. He said that it was his painful duty to mention a fact that, though known to many, had never been spoken of in public, and while he believed it his duty to stand by his pastor in all things reasonable, yet the time had come when he, as a member of the Hustlersville Baptist Church, must withdraw his support from the present pastor. So far as he was personally concerned, he could not support a man who would not pay his debts. Only yesterday a groceryman had called on him and told him that the pastor owed a grocer's bill of more than \$20. This was not all. Everybody knew that he owed a furniture bill that was long past due, and that he was paying extra interest on same. There was but one thing to do, and that was to demand the pastor's resignation. The church would never prosper with such a leader.

Other members spoke in the same vein. A motion was made that the pastor be asked to resign. Remarks were in order. For a minute all was silence. Then Bro. Turner arose and said that the whole thing was a puzzle to him. The pastor could not be accused of extravagance; he used neither tobacco nor whiskey; he did not attend shows nor theatres. He was sure that the pastor's wife was not extravagant. She did her own washing and cooking, and it was hinted that she made her old dresses over and that she even turned her husband's long coat to make it look new. Bro. Turner could not see just how the pastor could get in debt.

Bro. Smithers thought that there must be extravagance somewhere. He was sure that the pastor received more money than any member of the church. "Now," said he, "there is Deacon Jones, whose whole crop last year sold for only \$500, or do you mean that he sold \$500 from his farm?"

The answer came promptly: "He sold \$500 worth of grain from his farm."

Bro. Turner took out his book and made some figures. Then he spoke of Deacon Jones and his family lived on the products of his farm. He raised hogs, chickens, fruit, two or three beehives, had his own house, no rent to pay, no firewood to buy;

in fact, Deacon Jones last year saved nearly as much money as our pastor received. As well as I can make out, Bro. Jones would have had to pay between \$1,000 and \$1,200 for the things he used last year if he had gotten them on the market. I should like to know whether the pastor has really received the \$550. If he has, some one has overpaid, for I owe \$10 on last year's salary, which I shall hand over to the treasurer. If the pastor is to go, he ought to be paid up."

When Bro. Turner took his seat silence reigned for five minutes. Then there was a rattling of paper and Deacon Smithers was seen writing in a small book. The leaf was torn out and passed to the treasurer. Deacon Jones said in a loud whisper: "Bro. Smithers, lend me that check book. I believe I owe some, too." He wrote a check for \$8 and saw a "stub" marked \$10. Another member passed up a bill, and then another, until the treasurer could not receipt fast enough.

The motion to ask the pastor to resign was forgotten. About \$60 had been paid into the treasury, and the following day the pastor paid the grocer's bill and took up the note at the furniture store and bought a set of books that he so much needed. The next day Deacon Smithers met the pastor and gave him \$3, saying: "Here, pastor, is the money for that dictionary that you got for me about a month ago. (It had been three months). I clean forgot it."

Everybody said that the pastor preached better than usual on the next Sunday. There were three professions and some requests for prayer. Five new members were added to the church.

The church voted to increase the pastor's salary and to pay it up in full at the end of each month.

## The Duty of Church Members in Regard to Whiskey Drinking.

Since we are confronted with the evils of intemperance and our young men have a tendency and disposition toward the drinking habit, it is well that the Christian should have a well-defined position on this question.

In the 5th chapter of Gal. 19-23, drunkenness is placed in the catalogue of the worst of crimes, and temperance is placed along with gentleness, meekness, goodness, and other fruits of the Spirit which are characteristic of the Christian. The Bible plainly teaches the deceptive nature of wine and the curse of strong drink that "at last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." Therefore every Christian who is interested in the cause of Christ and the advancement of His Kingdom, and the cause of humanity, should stand firmly against the evils of intemperance, both by precept and by example.

God's standard of righteousness on this question is to "be temperate in all things." To be temperate is to encourage morality and decency; to be intemperate is to encourage sin and vice. No Christian can practice drinking without forfeiting his in-

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fluence for good. We are more influenced by example than by precept. Any unworthy conduct on the part of a church member is a proof that he does not believe what he professes. It is necessary that we should live consistent, Christian lives in order that we may wield a moral and Christian influence, as well as reap the reward of a well-spent life. Christians are called to be saints. They are called to be the light of the world, the salt of the earth, to glorify Him who bought them with His blood, to be a witness to unbelievers, and by their Godly lives commend Christ to men.

The Bible teaches us to live righteously for "no drunkard shall enter the kingdom of heaven." Church members should never touch or drink anything intoxicating unless absolutely necessary for medical purposes. They should be outspoken and exert their influence against the drinking habit everywhere and endeavor to build up a wholesome sentiment against it. The only safe and sensible way for church members is not to drink at all. Total abstinence is the only safeguard.

Sad to say that we have quite a number of brethren who say there is no harm in taking a drink. These are the brethren who exert an influence over those who drink to excess. We need the power and influence of these brethren for total abstinence. The churches seem to know what to do with the members who get drunk. But brethren, what shall we do with the drinking members who do not get drunk? We should be more rigid in our discipline in dealing with drinking members. I believe it is time for the churches to withdraw fellowship from members who participate in social drinking or use whiskey as a beverage.

Brethren, let us obey the injunction of the Scriptures and "live soberly, righteously and Godly in this present world."

Respectfully submitted,  
D. M. LEE.

(Read before the Fraternal Conference of Lawrence Co. Association, 5th Sunday in May, and requested to be published in THE BAPTIST.)

## Modern Literary Advantages.

This is an age of literature. I do not believe there is a more auspicious omen of the future betterment of society than the present literary activity. Every literary epoch of past history was markedly significant of a genuine improvement which presaged the forthcoming of a still greater advancement of the nation or community. The Alexandrian Age was the most illustrious age of all ancient history, when the Grecian literary mind was at its best, and her intellectual glory was the light house of the world. The Renaissance was the battering ram that leveled the walls of superstition and ignorance, effecting the clarification of the densest spiritual darkness, and brought light once more among the children of men. Some one, not long since, pointed out the fact that the great Reformation could not have been possible had it not been for the light of the Renaissance which enabled Luther to light his fuse of

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Christianity with which he illumined the world.

The present great literary advancement had not been so but for the unexampled interest taken in higher education. And this has been done to such a degree that the present throws a streak of hopeful light athwart the firmament of the future. He was not far away from the truth who said: "The maintenance of our government depends more upon our colleges and universities than upon fleets and armies." And without fear of contradiction I venture the statement that the Christianizing of the world will be hastened more by the various educative agencies than by any other means that God has given us. These institutions are the cause of which our literary activity is the effect.

Literature represents the moral color of sentiment, and is always an infallible index to the moral, religious, social and intellectual status of any people. If the moral condition of a people is bad, the general literature of the time will not be without the hue of the contagion. But on the other hand, if it is not bad, the current literature will be high in tone and character. And in proportion to the facilities for printing and circulation, will be the relative effect either for good or for bad, as the literature must impart something of its nature to those who read it and digest it mentally. Herein lies the assurance of the vast good to be accomplished, in addition to what has already been accomplished, by our current literature. For the most of our papers (secular) and magazines have a decided moral ring in tone of sentiment. And our religious literature is sown broadcast throughout the land and its healthful pages scanned by thousands. The cheapness and facilities of printing have put the best reading matter in the reach of all, so that today there is no excuse for lack of an intelligent position upon any current question, political or religious. And it is indeed gratifying to see how the people read, that is the most of them. Occasionally you will find a person who enjoys a great deal more the senseless jargon of the crowd than any polished article of the magazine. I am glad this is exceptional rather than the rule. There are few homes in which cannot be found a fairly good library, with the regular visits of the papers and magazines.

Yes, indeed, do I believe, that in our ever-increasing and varied literary advantages, consists a most hopeful sign of the times. It is such a wonderful interchange of thoughts and opinions. What a man or a woman thinks out today that is of use to others, it comes out tomorrow through the papers or magazines, or in book form, and is read far and wide. So then all the noble thoughts and aspirations, experiences and accomplishments of a rapidly advancing race, find a focus in the library for the companionship of the mind and heart of the reader.

There is no greater temporal blessing which Christianity has brought us than our literary advantages; and none for which I am more grateful. It is a great

channel-way through which shall flow the healing waters of truth, and upon the pagged wings of newspaper and book, shall be borne the news of salvation and glory to the sons of men.

F. N. BUTLER.

## To Delegates and Visitors.

The Baptist State Convention meets with the First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Miss., commencing July 6th. The church and community will take pleasure in entertaining all delegates and visitors provided they will send in their names so that homes can be secured for them.

The Committee wishes the names of all who expect to be entertained. This request does not apply to those who prefer to pay their own expenses at hotels or at boarding houses, they will entertain themselves.

Those expecting to stop with relatives or friends will please write to the Committee to that effect, so that they may be so assigned, and in order that those brethren and sisters may know how many of their relatives and friends are coming and how many others they may take care of.

Cards of assignment will be forwarded in due time to all who will send their names to

F. F. PHILLIPS,  
Chairman Committee of Assignment.

We call the attention of our readers this week to the fact that J. W. Patton, of this city, bought out the interest of Mr. White in the music business formerly known as Patton & White, some time ago, and will continue same at their old stand in this city. Mr. Patton was the original owner of this business before Mr. White entered it, and is thoroughly acquainted with all its details as well as the wants and requirements of his friends and patrons. We can say without fear of ever having to retract the statement that Mr. Patton will never leave anything undone which will please those who trade with him. We therefore bespeak for him a goodly share of the patronage of our readers. When wanting anything in the music line write to him for catalogues and prices.

## Facts About Russia.

Two and one-half times as large as the United States and Alaska.

Thirty thousand miles of coast line, half of it ice-bound.

Thirty six thousand miles of railroad, two-thirds of it owned by the government.

The United States has fifty-three times as many miles of telegraph and sends fifteen times as much mail.

The United States has twenty-three times as many factories.

One-twentieth as much coal produced and one-sixth as much iron as in the United States.

Total exports, \$350,000,000.

Next to the United States as a grain-producing country.

Population in 1903, 141,000,000.

Russian 66 per cent, Poles 7 per cent, Finns 5 per cent, Turco Tartars 6 per cent, and Jews 3 per cent.

Average laborer gets one-fourth as much wages as in the United States.—Ex.



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## Mississippi College.

As it should be, the outlook for the college was never so bright as now. The increased attendance from year to year has sent a thrill of joyous enthusiasm into all hearts.

The endowment that was started three years ago has gone steadily on, the notes being redeemed as they have fallen due for the most part. In two more years, the full amount will be on hand, invested, and the college will be receiving the much needed increase therefrom. When it is all in, it will amount to about \$100,000 which will help matters very materially, in the way of meeting running expenses.

As Dr. Lowrey has determined to remain with our College against all inducements to leave, let every Mississippi Baptist renew his loyalty and activity for the College. 1. Let everyone whose note is due or past due, meet it at once, if possible. 2. Since their are doubtless several who could with a slight strain take up all their notes to the endowment, we would suggest such a course. This manner of disposing of your notes would help the cause at more points than one. Numbers have some time ago paid up all their notes to the endowment. Let all do so; many are able and it would have a good effect.

The town of Clinton itself has of late taken on new life. Property has been exchanging hands at a satisfactory rate. New houses are going up and old ones repaired. The most notable improvement is the putting in of a complete system of waterworks and electric lights. The spring at the foot of Moss Hill is being enlarged and will supply as good water as can be had almost anywhere in the earth. The water will be piped all over town, into all the homes, and the buildings and campi of Hillman and Mississippi College. The electric lights will be in evidence everywhere. To the old boys it will sound like a "tale that is told," too good to be believed, when they hear that the streets, the houses, the campus and college buildings all will be

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ablaze with electric glory when school opens again and before. The old town will be pulsating with the new life of the glorious days that are now upon us, and the College will just fairly be entering in upon the career of which the fathers dreamed when they founded her. Really it is not too much to expect to see FOUR HUNDRED students there next year. There 333 last year.

To meet the new and enlarging situation there will of absolute necessity have to be some great improvement in buildings and equipment in the near future. The authorities have long felt this, and will no doubt in due time set their plans before the people. THE BAPTIST would like to see them take action right early. 1. The "cottages" on the campus ought to be displaced by a splendid, modern brick dormitory—with steam heat, electric lights, waterworks, throughout. A new fence ought to be put around the college grounds and two coats of paint put on everything—except the bell, to which the boys usually attend.

Under the blessings of our God, the number of students has so increased that enlargement in recitation room is greatly needed. The rooms we have are not only too few but entirely too small. Last year the class-rooms were uncomfortably packed. Hence it is easy to see what would be the result if we shall be able to add 75 or 100 more students, which is quite probable. The old buildings would not be a loss, but could be utilized quite profitably for other purposes.

All this will cost money, a good large sum of money, as people looked at money even ten years ago. But recent events show that there is money in the country for just such purposes as this. We doubt not that there are several brethren and sisters, with money ready now to start the work agoing on a large scale. Look at what happened at Nashville—\$53,000 subscribed in less than one hour for the Seminary at Louisville. We have reason to believe that half a dozen men and women could be found who are willing to give as much as \$5,000 apiece to start the work of improvement at the college. See what has been done for the Orphanage. Look at what we are doing for Missions. There are plenty of people with lots of money, and we believe now is the time to strike for great things in the way of improvements for the College. Don't start out with any old-world ideas; get a present-day American idea and go before the people with something great for them to do and they will do it. People somehow do enjoy doing big things. The pastors who have large revival meetings and baptize many people are the pastors who plan for large things. The pastors who get large collections for missions are those who ask and plan for large things. Let the College plan for large things, ask for large things, attempt large things and large things will come to pass.

Then there is just one other thing that ought to be done—the professors ought to be better paid. The Board of Trustees with commendable liberality voted a ten

per cent increase to them in the future; but that is not enough, in view of the demands that are made upon them to keep up with the times, in an age of new methods, the making of many books and the increased cost of living.

We need to spend 50 thousand dollars in improvements as herein outlined, if we are to furnish educational facilities for all our people. We have more people now than we have ever had; there are more people to go to school, more people who are able to pay for schooling and we ought to always be ready to accommodate all who come. We have done that up till now; but there must be a lengthening of the cords, a strengthening of the stakes for the future. We had just as well prepare for the students—they are coming.

## Exercises at Shady Grove.

Shady Grove is a large country church 10 or 12 miles east of McComb City. An educational rally had been worked up and announced for this place on last Saturday and Sunday. Speakers had been invited and also two or three neighboring churches including their pastors had been invited. In all there were between one and two thousand people present. On Saturday there was preaching to a large congregation for a Saturday gathering. On Sunday morning there assembled a great audience in the grove. In the forenoon two addresses were made, the first by the editor of THE BAPTIST and the second by Dr. C. H. Otken, superintendent of education in Pike county. They were both on education. Then came a bountiful repast and social mingling for two hours, after which the great crowd re-assembled, and Dr. I. W. Cooper, president of Whitworth College, delivered a fine address on the same subject. It was a great day, and we trust that it will result in much good fruit educationally and religiously.

Rev. J. P. Harrington ministers to the people two Sundays in the month. They have a strong and increasingly active church, and the spirit of education is running high. They are arranging for a high school to run eight months. If you want to see a fine exhibition of buggies and carriages, visit this old country church. We had splendid entertainment in the home of Bro. W. L. Reeves, a relative of the late Rev. Zachariah Reeves, and his good wife. Also we visited the homes of Bro. B. B. Busby and Bro. Brent.

The list of subscriptions to THE BAPTIST was built up considerably and orders taken for many Bibles and other good books, among them the History of Mississippi Baptists.

On our return home we tell in with Dr. W. T. Lowrey who had spent the Sabbath with Bro. Mayfield in dedicating a new church near Brookhaven. He reported a great day out there.

## Events and Comments.

May the Lord give us a great Convention at Hattiesburg.

June 23,

1904.

Where will the Convention go next year?

As an advertising scheme Harris Business College is offering a few scholarships at a big bargain. Write them.

There is only one more Sunday to consider State Missions, but much can be done, if we will push it for that day.

Mrs. Pattie Long, a sister of Bro. T. O. Byrd, of this city, was buried on the 20th inst. in Cedar Lawn Cemetery.

The committee on order of business ought to allow more time for the reports on missions, than has been allowed for some years past.

Rev. W. E. Tynes, of Houston, Texas, will visit his native State in July, and would do some work in protracted meetings, if desired.

It is earnestly to be hoped that addresses of welcome and response may be brief, very brief, all of them not including more than ten minutes anyhow.

The long-winded brother ought to spare us this time. Let him arrange now to have his thought on his tongue's end, and quit as soon as it slips off.

The Florida Baptist Witness and the Southern Baptist have united. Good; and yet there is room for more consolidation along the same line there and elsewhere.

Dr. W. C. Robert informs us that they have just closed a very profitable meeting at Centreville, the pastor, Rev. S. W. Sibbey, doing the preaching.

Tulane University has purchased for \$125,000, the site of the old New Orleans Brewery, on Canal St., and will build thereon a hospital for the "destitute ill of all classes and colors."

We are pained to chronicle the death of sister Johnson, the wife of our esteemed brother, Rev. G. C. Johnson, pastor of the 15th Avenue Church, Meridian, which occurred on last Sunday afternoon.

Rev. C. C. Meador, who organized the Fifth Church, Washington, D. C., 47 years ago, has been elected pastor emeritus on full salary. One of the too few cases where the old horse was not turned out to die.

John Roach Straton, of Baylor University, will "supply" for the Second Church, Chicago, July and August, while Dr. Carroll will do the same thing at Calvary Church, Washington, for two Sundays in August.

On Aug. 30, Rev. R. T. Bryan and wife will sail from San Francisco on the "Siberia" for their work in China. Let the brethren all remember to help Bro. Bryan in raising funds for Yates College, in China. He is leaning upon us.

## THE BAPTIST.

The crop of D. D's. this year is not so great, but it is more than made up by LL. D's. The Southwestern Baptist University gave it to W. T. Lowrey; Mississippi College to J. C. Hardy and B. D. Gray; Baylor University to E. E. Dargan.

Secretary Crumpton has just published a list of churches in Alabama that gave as much as \$100 to missions—all missions—last year, and he could only find 61 in the whole State. Surely Mississippi can show up better than that. How is it with your church?

We have just received the large and beautiful catalogue of the Crystal Springs, Miss., Chataqua for the session of July 17-31, 1904. General Manager, L. M. Damper, is a stirring business man, and will beyond all doubt have all things ready in due time.

Bro. McCullough's Liverpool church is second to none in liberality towards her pastor. Last Lord's day she raised money enough to send both pastor and wife to the State Convention at Hattiesburg. Let several hundred other churches do likewise.

Our esteemed brother and ex-editor, Dr. J. A. Hackett, occupied both morning and evening the pulpit of the First Baptist Church, this city. He is reported to have preached two strong and edifying sermons. He always does. 30 years ago he was pastor here.

The whole country will do well to watch the Mormons. They claim the control of 20 votes in the electoral college, by the expert use of which they propose to prevent the insertion of any anti-Mormon plank in either of the platforms of the two great political parties.

President Loubet of France has conferred "the Grand Crown of the Legion of Honor," which is the highest grade of this historic order, upon the American Ambassador, Gen. Porter. It is an honor "rarely bestowed" and the first time it was ever given an American.

The plucky little homeless church at Yazoo City gave a week ago for State Missions the handsome sum of \$85.00. God may have allowed their beautiful, new house to be burned up to give to other churches an example of how to give in distress and poverty.

Brother Barnett, of the Alabama Baptist, is off on a trip to California and L. O. Dawson will write editorially for him, while he is gone. The Alabamians are to have something good to read, inasmuch as Dr. Dawson announces that he is not one of those who know how to write.

Harry Ethridge, a fine lawyer, chairman of the board of deacons of Dr. Broughton's church Atlanta, is to go as a missionary to China. He has a wife and two children and is not 40 years old. It must mean something, when a successful lawyer gives

up his business to preach the gospel to those who have it not.

The papers are having much to say of "Our Four Great Leaders"—Willingham, Frost, Mullins and Gray; two of whom—Mullins and Gray—it ought never to be forgotten, are from good old Mississippi—nor did she exhaust herself in giving these two noble men to the world; there are others left just like them.

Monsignor Satolli has come again to America in the hope of establishing diplomatic relations with this government. They want to have "Nuncio" heard by the White House. There is no need of such a functionary in America and especially in Washington. But it will be well to watch this "Nuncio" business on the part of the Vatican.

Dr. C. E. W. Dobbs, of Marietta, Ga., has just closed a great meeting with his church. His son, Rev. Gilbert Dobbs, pastor of Coliseum Place Church, New Orleans, was in the meeting, preaching night and day a series of sermons, strong, acceptable and effective. At the close of the meeting, 24 were baptized, making 49 accessions by baptism during the associational year beginning last August. Good.

Dr. Conwell's church, Philadelphia, recently was connected by telephone with the hospital run by the church, so that the inmates can hear the service. It is said to have worked splendidly. It is a part of that enterprising church's plan to have the overflow service in the lower chapel conducted in the same way in the near future. That will be getting things down pretty fine; but there will still be lots of folks who will discard all these devices and go to church.

Last Wednesday more than a thousand Sunday School children started from New York down the Hudson for a picnic. They had scarcely started when the boat, the Gerard Slocom, was found to be on fire and it soon burned to the water's edge. The number known to have perished has reached 792. An investigation as to the cause of the fire is now on; and like the Iroquois Theatre disaster, more than likely, it can be traced to drunken carelessness on the part of the crew.

Editor T. J. Bailey of The Baptist will not dispute the statement that the part of his report of the Nashville Convention, which related to the auxiliary bodies was taken from the daily papers. If he does we will produce the "deadly parallel" on him. —Baptist and Reflector.

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No. 2. No. 3.

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### The Man We Can't Forgive.

"We can forgive the one who injures us," said the wise student of human nature, "but the one we find it almost impossible to forgive is the one we have injured."

We do not state the case in that way to ourselves; nevertheless, it is true. There is nothing which will more surely incline us to dislike another than the knowledge that we have in some way wronged him. His acts, whatever they may be, take on unworthy motives to us. It is easy to believe an evil report concerning him. The sight of him awakens our deep animosity. Why? Because deep in the spirit, too deep for our conscious recognition of it, perhaps, lies a desire to justify ourself, and to prove he deserved the treatment we have given him.

For the one who has wronged us we may find excuses, but for the one whom we have even a secret suspicion of having wronged, there is a solace in finding condemnation. The sight of him makes us uncomfortable, his presence wounds our self-respect. We cannot forgive him for making it impossible to forgive ourself.

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The banker said: "Senator! I am uneasy about my boy. Do you think he may be in the saloon? Did you see anything of him?"

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## Program.

June, 1904.

- Subject—"Cuba."  
"Lift up a standard for the people."  
1. Hymn—"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."  
2. Scripture—John 19:17-30; Acts 1:1-14.  
3. Thanksgiving for the gift of a Savior.  
Petition for loyal hearts that we may be "ready" at His coming.  
4. Echoes from S. B. Convention (see State papers).  
5. A talk upon Cuba—Based on leaflet, "Cuba and Home Mission Work," by Rev. C. D. Daniel.  
6. Prayer—For deeper sense of personal responsibility for the great work of missions, on the part of the women of our Southland.  
7. A pleasing act for emphasis by leader—Dr. I. T. Tichenor, Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board for eighteen years, is justly entitled to be called "The Father of Cuban Missions."  
8. Business, collection, etc.  
9. Leaflet—"Silver, or Souls? Dollars, or Duty?"  
10. Bible spur on giving—From several members who have been asked previous to the meeting to come prepared.  
11. A suggestion—Would it be wise to establish a Free Will, or Thank Offering, Box in the Society room for gifts in addition to regular contributions?  
12. Questions to be asked by President—What led each to join the Society? What benefits have been derived? Why are so many in the church indifferent to the Society? Is the Society responsible for this indifference?

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## Annual Address of the President, Mrs. J. A. Barker.

When Christ told his disciples that the kingdom of heaven was like a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—He did not mean that His kingdom was insignificant and of no vital import to the human family. Indeed, all of His teachings lead us to believe the very reverse, and His words, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God," emphasize emphatically the divine conception of the most important object in life. Therefore we are led to conclude that only in its beginning on earth is this kingdom like the tiniest of seeds. We know that this is true when we study the life of Christ.

Humanly speaking, He had neither rank nor position, and although the world was His "and the fullness thereof," He had not where to lay His head. When choosing His disciples He looked not among those of national repute, immense wealth nor high social position. He sought rather the humble and lowly, those who could boast of no social precedence—the fishermen of Galilee. His gospel was that of humility. His teaching was the very opposite of anything that has for its end self-advancement from any worldly standpoint. But from this humble seed of divine planting a fruitful harvest is promised.

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Less than three years had passed when this same teacher, after the cross and the resurrection, met His disciples, by appointment, on a mountain in Galilee, and gave to them the great commission. But nothing was done by these Christians to reach others than those of their own nation until Paul and Barnabas were set aside at Antioch by command of the Spirit. Of the efforts of these earliest missionaries we have an account in sacred literature, and we know that when the truth was proclaimed it ever found lodgment in some heart, although the seed seemed too small for the world to give it passing notice. Yet, it was given by God—the Creator of the world, the mastergardener of creation—to be sown broadcast over the land. With His command supporting it, it could never be worthless, but it needed to abide its time, and then to spring up and grow and bring forth fruit in season.

God teaches us many lessons through little things. From the earliest ages the weak things of the world have been made to honor and glorify Him, and from apparently trifling issues results of vital import have often come forth. It is said that a lady was packing a box to be sent to a missionary in India. A little child, in joyous anticipation of helping, brought a penny. With it the lady bought a tract, and put it into the box. At last the tract was given to a Burman chief. It led him to believe in Jesus, and so grateful was he that he told the story of his conversion and happiness to his friends. They also believed, and threw away their idols. Soon a church was built and a missionary sent, and fifteen hundred Christians were the fruit of that little seed.

Ofttimes we are wont to question the value of our efforts, and we ask whether or not it is worth while to engage in various services for the Master because they seem so small and insignificant. No service for our

King is trivial. No interest in His kingdom is so meaningless that it does not merit our earnest and constant attention. To know that He has put the seal of His approval upon any work makes that work forever worthy of our best effort.

I do not know whether or not a mustard seed is longer in germinating than any other seed, but I do know that many seeds are slow to burst into life, while others spring up and perish in a day. It is said that in twenty-five minutes a certain kind of mushroom grows three inches, while another kind, in one night swells from the size of a pinhead to the proportions of a pumpkin. Both are of correspondingly short life. The oak is of another

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The seed of the gospel, as it related to nations other than the Jews, lay asleep in the hearts of God's children until, under the influence of the Holy Spirit there was an awakening and Paul and his helpers reached out after the souls of the Gentiles. We are familiar with the story of their struggles and trials, their hopes and fears, their sorrows and joys, their stripes and bruises, their persecutions and revilings, imprisonment, bonds, and even death for Christ's sake. But the seed grew. It is probable that many who heard Paul preach in Rome—that city which was the center of a system of magnificent public roads, where gathered, no doubt from time to time, representatives of all the known world—carried the new doctrine home with them, and I fancy, that here and there in remote places even there might be found those who named the name of

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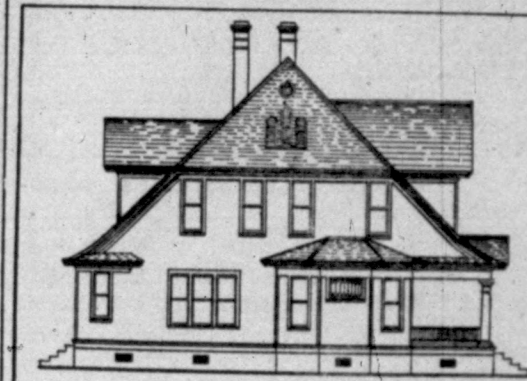
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#### Important.

DEAR SISTERS:

The Woman's Missionary Union auxiliary to the Baptist State Convention will hold its annual meeting in Hattiesburg, at the same time of the meeting of our State Convention. The first session will be held in the Main Street Methodist Church Wednesday, July 6th, at 3:30 p. m. The second session Thursday morning at 9:30. We are anxious to have a full representation of the Baptist women of our State and hope the women will make an effort to attend. The Central Committee requests that the names of those who will attend be sent to the secretary at an early date that committees may be made up before the meeting.

Pray God's blessing upon our meeting.

Yours in the work,  
MRS. WM. R. WOODS.

#### A Request.

May I ask the prayers of the many noble people of God all over the fair State of Mississippi, many of whom say so many good and wise things to me through the columns of your valuable paper, THE BAPTIST, especially that God may give us a great meeting at the following places: Oloh, second Sunday in July, with Bro. Bush to help; and Enon, fourth Sunday in July, with Bro. W. M. Farmer to help; and Holly Springs, first Sunday in August, Bro. Posey to help; and Little River, embracing third Sunday in August, Bro. W. K. Red, the preacher.

Last Sunday was our mission day at Little River and when it

is all rounded out it will be \$20. But what about Oloh? She stands at the \$45 notch now for missions, which is about \$2 per member. And you are yet to hear from us on home missions. We want to average \$3 per member, and if a better work is done in the State and it appears in this paper it might be accepted as a challenge and inspire greater zeal for God, but let us never forget that it is "not by might nor by power but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zech. 4:6.

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#### Have You Read It.

When Benjamin Franklin, the statesman, was ridiculed in Paris for his defense of the Bible, he determined to find out how many of the scoffers had read it. He informed one of the learned societies that he had come across a story of pastoral life in ancient times that seemed to him very beautiful, but of which he would like the opinion of society. On the evening appointed, Franklin read to the assembly of scholars the book of Ruth. They went into ecstasies over it, and one after another begged that the manuscript might be printed. "It is printed," replied Franklin, "and is a part of the Bible."

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#### Abraham Lincoln's Message

The liquor traffic is a cancer in society, eating out its vitals and threatening destruction, and all attempts to regulate it will aggravate the evil. There must be no attempts to regulate the cancer, it must be eradicated; not a root must be left behind, for until this is done, all classes must continue in danger of becoming victims of strong drink.—Abraham Lincoln.

Write it on your heart that every day is the best day of the year.—Emerson.

They also serve who only stand and wait.—Milton.

The July Woman's Home Companion is a souvenir number of the St. Louis Fair. It contains nine pages of picture and text descriptive of the Exposition in all its phases. Equally attractive pictorial features are the "Wash-Day of All Nations" and "Celebrating the Fourth of July in Uncle Sam's New Possessions." These are the best kind of travel articles, and are supplemented by a vivacious description of "Sports on an Ocean-Liner." Mr. Baynes contributes his usual fascinating Nature talk. There are interesting short stories by Shan F. Bullock, Helen F. Huntington and Opie Read. Best of all, the editors announce that Margaret E. Sangster is to take charge of a page in the Woman's Home Companion. Published by the Crowell Publishing Company, Springfield, Ohio; one dollar a year; ten cents a copy.

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